



TOWN OF BOXBOROUGH Meeting Minutes

Boxborough Water Resources Committee Meeting Minutes for January 11, 2022

Approved February 15, 2022

Voting members present: Les Fox, Chair; Bryon Clemence, Clerk; Bryan Lynch; Stephen Schmitt.

Voting members absent: Mark Barbadoro.

Non-voting members present: John Neyland, Economic Development Committee.

Others present: Robin Lazarow, Planning Board; Owen Neville, Agricultural Commission.

Public participation: Russ Dion, Campanelli.

The Water Resources Committee (WRC) held its regular meeting on January 11, 2022, online in accordance with COVID-19 policies, using the Zoom meeting application. The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:38 PM.

1. Approval of meeting minutes. The Committee approved the minutes of November 23, 2021 by a roll call vote of 4 to 0 (moved by Schmitt, seconded by Lynch).

2. Correspondence. Francie Nolde emailed re. possible speaker on PFAS (discussed below).

3. PFAS. a) Opportunity to invite speaker on PFAS: Laura Spark, Clean Water Action Group; Clemence to follow up with Francie Nolde; b) PFAS tracking update: Clemence and Lynch noted availability of some more PFAS reports; Clemence noted that some PWSs have seen levels going down, but those treating PFAS don't seem to be reporting raw water results anymore, which Lynch thought was required for water systems providing treatment; c) class action lawsuit: Fox reported the town had joined the suit, following review by counsel.

4. Monitoring well opportunity. Fox reported it's not feasible for Tufts University to install a monitoring well this year. Barbadoro and the Building Inspector will work on special permit wells.

5. WRC CPA final proposal and slides. Fox summarized the CPC hearing of 12/2/2021 and noted the upcoming MVP application period.

6. ARPA grant project update. Fox provided an update, noting that the town hasn't decided how to allocate these funds, and the Select Board meets on 1/24. ARPA may be more for existing systems with problems.

7. STM, 2/28/2022 – discussion and approval of proposed WRC article. Fox summarized the WRC's Article 5. He thinks the WRC Finance Committee member could recommend it when they meet on 1/11. Campanelli seems supportive. Schmitt asked about 21E evaluation, which must be conducted. CPA funds may cover that. The Committee approved Article 5 by a roll call vote of 4 to 0 (moved by Fox, seconded by Lynch).

8. New source exploration update. a) Scope of work for retesting HSC well: Fox reported that counsel will review scope on 1/12, and then it will go to MassDOT; b) Campanelli update: Fox reported that Russ Dion seemed to support access through the CR parcel.

9. Draft briefing memo on WRC activities. Clemence said there was nothing new to report.

10. Potential articles for annual town meeting – discussion. Fox summarized: (a) Land acquisition: town meeting approval required to approve CPA funding; (b) consultant: coordination with LWD may be feasible; (c) Water Commissioners: a description is needed of what this involves.

11. Meeting venue discussion. The WRC will continue to meet via Zoom. Fox noted that the Finance Committee was using a hybrid meeting format.

12. Future meeting schedule. The Committee scheduled its next meeting for Tuesday, February 15, 2022, at 7:30 PM.

13. Adjourn. The Committee adjourned at 9:02 PM on a roll call vote of 4 to 0 (moved by Fox, seconded by Schmitt).

List of documents and other exhibits used at the meeting. Draft meeting minutes for November 23, 2021, CPC hearing slides, draft STM Article 5, draft MassDOT scope of work.

Respectfully submitted,
Bryon Clemence, Clerk